

# STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of Town Council Meeting held in the Town Council Office  
On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

**Present Councillors:** G Carr- Jones (Chair), J Smith, J Wardell, P Ashcroft, D Hine, B Alexandre, W Batty-Smith, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland.

T J Watson (Clerk)

## **In attendance**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

D Fox (County Councillor) was in attendance

Welcome to members of the public and introductions.

## **1. To receive apologies.**

Apologies had been received from Joy Rabbetts (TC public transport rep)

## **2. Declarations of interest.**

B Alexandre declared a personal & prejudicial interest in Item 8 as the TC playing fields representative. D Hine stated that she would not vote on item 8.

## **3. To approve the minutes of the meeting - held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010.**

Amendments – meeting date corrected from draft minutes. Item 9. Resolution Possession not position.

**RESOLVED: The minutes of the meetings having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved including the above amendment and signed by the Chairman.**

## **4. Finance.**

### **a) To approve the accounts as presented in annex 1b. For payment.**

British Gas	Gas offices 08/04/10-23/06/10	£80.45
Great Western IT Ltd	Website re-fresh & Maint. 2nd & 3rd qtr 2010 plus updates	£555.78
Harrier Garden services	Grass cutting Jarvis field 1st of 4 instalments for 2 weekly cuts during season 10/11	£496.17
Harrier Garden services	Top plot of graveyard mow & strim 09/07/10	£14.40
Direct Office Supplies	Copy paper	£14.69
Tracey Watson	Salary August	£540.39
HM Revenue & customs	Tax & NI August	£96.55
<b>Addition to annex 1b.</b>		
R Sharp	Grass cutting 14.06.10- 28.07.10	£1,216.00

**RESOLVED: In accordance with S O No.13 a. it was proposed by K Garland, seconded by B Alexandre and agreed that the presented cheques be signed.**

### **b) Retrospective approval of invoices as presented in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.4.**

BT	Line rent 01.07-30.09 Internet	£158.62
Southern Electric	Electric WC's 23/01-14/07-10 reading 5335	£93.43

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**RESOLVED:** In accordance with financial regulation 6.4 retrospective approval of the above payment was made.

## 5. Correspondence: as detailed in annex 1a.

Date	From	Info	Action
20/07/10	Playing fields Committee	Notes of meeting 20/07/10 with info regarding TC letter regarding policy and signage for dog walkers.	Noted
21/07/10	Jacqui Wragg	Invitation to Sturquest ploughman's supper 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept.	No members available to attend
21/07/10	J Rabbetts STC transport representative	Letter requesting TC representation regarding change of bus stop on Sherborne route.	Agreed to take with item 11.

### Addition to annex 1a.

29/07/10	Hugh de long NDDC	E-mail regarding availability of funding from the Health & Wellbeing Partnership towards the health related projects.	Agreed to pass to other interested parties
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## 6. To review the results of the annual inventory inspections and give further instruction.

The findings and required action were discussed and the Clerk committed to providing members with a list of the results for them to prioritise.

## 7. To receive members wish list for 11/12 precept.

The following suggestions were put forward:- Bus shelter, town museum, Jubilee play area refurbishment / equipment, increase in local grants.

## 8. Proposal that the Town Council consider the refurbishment of the Jubilee play area and give further instruction. D Hine

D Hine referred to the note of the playing fields committee (PF) meeting 20/07/10. The PF committee felt the all the fencing around the play area needed replacing. A quote had been obtained for palisade fencing with wooden posts £2,250.00 3ft high & £2,690.00 4ft high. Concrete spurs on posts would be an additional £350.00. A quote had also been obtained to strim the area around the fence of £100 for a one off or £60 per visit for more than 1 cut. Members felt that as a start point these quotes were rather high and were not sure that palisade fencing was appropriate. It was felt that the play equipment needed a good clean and the issue of graffiti removal/ prevention was discussed. Concerns were expressed at the delaminating on the duck springer. There was further discussion regarding the weekly and annual ROSPA inspection due in August and the need for a proper annual maintenance programme.

**RESOLVED:** There was general agreement to instruct the Clerk to:

- Instruct S Gardner to attend to the duck springer.
- Set up a volunteer clean up event for the equipment.
- Take advice on appropriate/compliant play equipment inspection.
- Instruct R Sharp to do a one off strim around the fence.
- Obtain quotes for a springer see-saw.

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9. **To discuss the appropriate flag / flags to be flown at the ring and give further instruction.** **J Wardell.**

It was understood that the flag pole and the flags had been donated along with the offer to attend to flying the flags. Members were divided in their opinions of which flags were appropriate.

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed to leave the arrangement as current with thanks to Mr Gibbs.

10. **A proposal that the details of the Town Councils minutes be summarised for inclusion in the ring magazine.** **J Cowley**

Mr Cowley had received a personal letter from the editor of the Ring in opposition to his proposal. Members discussed all possible ways of providing members of the public with minutes. A quarterly newsletter was suggested and the Clerk agreed to send approved minutes for display at the library.

The proposal was not seconded and therefore failed.

11. **A proposal that the Town Council write to first bus regarding the changed route of buses to Sherborne.** **P Ashcroft**

P Ashcroft explained that the route westward had been changed earlier on this year. It used to nearer the bottom of Sherborne town and now goes along the A30 and drops off at the main bus stop. On the eastward journey it picks up at the corner of coldharbour/ Fairfield Heights, which involves an extra walk up hill, crossing the A30 to an exposed bus stop with no shelter.

**RESOLVED:** There was general agreement to instruct the Clerk to write to 1<sup>st</sup> bus and request that the eastbound service go around the round about on the green and pick up at the main bus stop with the shelter, before proceeding east along the A30.

12. **To receive a report on the progress of the Jarvis way play area refurbishment.** **K Garland**

K Garland reported that the playbuilder works are due to start approx last 2 weeks in August and will take approx 2-3 weeks to complete. Residents of neighbouring properties have been informed and laminated closure notices will be posted at the entrances when work commences. In view of the reduced funding available the working group feel that it would be prudent to reduce the 2 toddler equipment scheme to equipment only inside the mounded area at a total cost of £29,517.00. Applications for funding have been made to National Lottery Awards for All & the Lions. Further applications will be made to local businesses Hall & Woodhouse and Community Spaces. A grand opening with publicity is planned in September and it is hoped to run a competition for the winning child to have a part in opening the playground.

13. **A proposal that the Town Council fund from budget the pirate boat and the access gate to the toddler area at Jarvis field play area.** **K Garland**

It was noted that there was £4,000 in the 10/11 budget for the Jarvis play area refurbishment

**RESOLVED:** It was proposed and agreed to make a contribution of £3,737.00 for the above items.

14. **Clerks report on matters arising.**

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Copy of the DVD for the code of conduct road show:

Not possible to get (daptc All Monitoring Officers have a copy of the DVD as does the Association - it cannot be copied.

Stalbridge Lights group:

Julian Else has stepped down as Chairman, the new Chairman is Tony Wood.

Insurance claim reference fallen tree 22/07/09:

Received notification that a claim has been made by the 3<sup>rd</sup> party's insurers of £1,600. The TC insurer advised that as the tree was not maintained liability will attached and should be conceded to the 3<sup>rd</sup> parties insures.

## 15. To receive :-

### a) Items for the next agenda from members.

J Wardell - A proposal that the Town Council consider the production of a quarterly newsletter.

D Hine – an agenda item on the planning agenda for urgent matters of report.

### b) Town Councillors reports.

J Smith – Queried if he was the Hall rep. confirmed yes.

B Alexandre – Advance apologies for the next 3 months.

J Cox – thanks to those who attended the youth club open evening and info regarding last break in.

JC – Requested TC approved minutes be sent to library and communication addressed to him includes County name.

P Ashcroft – Nordcat bus service from Stalbridge to Sturminster Newton is held up by community funding.

G Carr- Jones – Thanks to Dikes for putting the hatching at the entrance to the path to Pond Close.

W Batty-Smith – Wessex waters recent works have left a hole outside the office.

## 16. To receive North Dorset District Councillors reports.

G Carr- Jones advised that the pre-school planning application may need to be re-submitted in an alternative location. Representation has been made to DC highways regarding the road layout at the entrance to the cut through.

## 17. To receive the Dorset County Councillors report.

D Fox requested a catch / up briefing with the Clerk and the Chair. He advised members that the County Council budget cuts are being prepared, including savings on library service. He had also received comments for Stalbridge residents regarding the lack of co-ordination between County and District Council on litter picking prior to verge cutting.

**18. Date of the Next meeting** - The next Town Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010**. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

The meeting Closed at 9.02 pm

Date 08/09/10

Signed.....  
Chairman